REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

More particularly, in the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 13-15, and 19-21 are allowed and only claims 2, 4, 6, 10-12, 16-18, and 22-24 were rejected. By the present response each of rejected claims 2, 4, 6, 10-12, 16-18, and 22-24 is cancelled without prejudice to thereby render the rejection thereto moot. Thus, only allowed claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 13-15, and 19-21 are currently pending in this application.

As only allowed claims are currently pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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